

Nine reasons why you need to back up Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace

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Protecting your Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace data is your responsibility

While Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace continue to gain market share, it is important to note that these platforms do not provide out-of-the box backup and data recovery solutions.

With the increase in frequency and severity of cyberattacks — especially ransomware — managed services providers and businesses alike face the real risk of unplanned downtime and potentially devastating data loss.

Your Microsoft 365 or Google Workspace environment may be more vulnerable than you think. Here are nine reasons why you need a better backup and data protection solution for Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace.

1 Accidental data deletion

IT teams and even individual users may delete various OneDrive or Drive documents or emails with large attachments — especially if they seem to be old or no longer relevant. Without an effective backup solution, these steps can be permanent — presenting a real challenge if they need this data in the future.

2 Mismanaging duplicate files

Most companies create a high number of duplicate files as part of their normal collaboration process. Yet when they attempt to delete earlier versions or true duplicates, they may accidentally remove the wrong files.

3 Malicious actions

While rare, it is possible that unhappy employees may sabotage or delete critical files, and by the time the damage is discovered, it may be too late to recover them.

4 Phishing and ransomware attacks

Cybercriminals are becoming more sophisticated and are developing more realistic emails that may trick unsuspecting employees. All it takes is a single click for them to gain access to either exfiltrate data or hold it hostage as part of a ransomware attack.

5 Limited storage and / or email retention

When employees leave, IT administrators should back up Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace data and reuse the license. Yet this doesn't always happen, leading to the potential for even more lost data.

6 Third-party application illicit consent attacks

Third-party applications may lead to illicit consent grant attacks that can steal valuable data.

7 Lost or stolen devices

Many companies — especially small to medium-sized businesses — allow employees to use their own devices. While this model saves money and makes things easier for employees, it can lead to data issues if the devices are lost or stolen.

8 Employees overwriting data

Accidents happen. But in the case of employees overwriting vital data, these accidents can result in real issues for the company — especially if it has no way to restore business-critical data.

9 Limited backup features and capabilities

While there are ways to back up Microsoft Outlook or Gmail emails and other Microsoft 365 or Google Workspace data, these processes still tend to be time consuming and tedious — not ideal for busy MSPs or IT professionals.

Acronis delivers the fastest, easiest and most effective backup and data protection solutions for Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace.

Modern

Safeguard M365, Google Workspace and other cloud-based platforms.

Complete

Protect 20+ platforms, including Microsoft 365, Exchange and Windows

Fast

Back up two times faster than the closest competition

Safe

Encrypt critical data, both in flight and at rest

Easy

Back up in three clicks and manage with intuitive dashboards

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